

ISAC Meeting – December 7-9, 2010

ACTION OR INFORMATION ITEM

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TOPIC: ED is no good without RR: How EDRR failed for a new invader

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1. DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM :

Explanation of the experience of state land managers dealing with a newly discovered, aggressive forest grass, *Oplismenus hirtellus* ssp. *undulatifolius*.

2. WHY IS THIS ITEM IMPORTANT TO NISC / ISAC?

We believe that this species has the capacity to become the next “break-out” forest invader. Right now, we estimate it is present over 1000-1500 acres in possibly 30 Piedmont locations. Yet despite our best efforts, we are not going to be able to eradicate it. The dearth of funding pools allocated to on-the-ground control efforts virtually ensures that this species will spread well beyond MD and VA borders. Ultimate costs to control or contain it will be correspondingly increased.

3. PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN BY NISC / ISAC ON THIS ITEM:

NONE

4. ACTION REQUESTED OF NISC / ISAC:

Consider establishment of a dedicated pool of funding regionally or nationally to be made available quickly to state governments to handle emergency outbreaks of newly introduced or discovered invasive species.

5. ALTERNATIVES:

NONE

6. ATTACHMENTS:

NONE